

249J.8 Expansion population members — financial participation.

1. Each expansion population member whose family income exceeds one hundred percent of the federal poverty level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services shall pay a monthly premium not to exceed one-twelfth of five percent of the member's annual family income. Each expansion population member whose family income is equal to or less than one hundred percent of the federal poverty level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States department of health and human services shall not be subject to payment of a monthly premium. All premiums shall be paid on the last day of the month of coverage. The department shall deduct the amount of any monthly premiums paid by an expansion population member for benefits under the healthy and well kids in Iowa program when computing the amount of monthly premiums owed under this subsection. An expansion population member shall respond to the monthly premium notices either through timely payment or a request for a hardship exemption during the entire period of the member's enrollment. Regardless of the length of enrollment, the member is subject to payment of the premium for a minimum of four consecutive months. However, an expansion population member who complies with the requirement of payment of the premium for a minimum of four consecutive months during a consecutive twelve-month period of enrollment shall be deemed to have complied with this requirement for the subsequent consecutive twelve-month period of enrollment and shall only be subject to payment of the monthly premium on a month-by-month basis. Timely payment of premiums, including any arrearages accrued from prior enrollment, is a condition of receiving any expansion population services. The payment to and acceptance by an automated case management system or the department of the premium required under this subsection shall not automatically confer initial or continuing program eligibility on an individual. A premium paid to and accepted by the department's premium payment process that is subsequently determined to be untimely or to have been paid on behalf of an individual ineligible for the program shall be refunded to the remitter in accordance with rules adopted by the department. Premiums collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the premiums subaccount of the account for health care transformation created pursuant to section 249J.23. An expansion population member shall also pay the same copayments required of other adult recipients of medical assistance.

2. The department may reduce the required out-of-pocket expenditures for an individual expansion population member based upon the member's increased wellness activities such as smoking cessation or compliance with the personal health improvement plan completed by the member. The department shall also waive the required out-of-pocket expenditures for an individual expansion population member based upon a hardship that would accrue from imposing such required expenditures. Information regarding the premium payment obligation and the hardship exemption, including the process by which a prospective enrollee may apply for the hardship exemption, shall be provided to a prospective enrollee at the time of application. The prospective enrollee shall acknowledge, in writing, receipt and understanding of the information provided.

3. The department shall track out-of-pocket expenditures by expansion population members and shall report the data on the department's internet website. The report shall include estimates of the number of expansion population members complying and not complying with payment of required out-of-pocket expenditures. To the extent possible, the department shall track the income level of the member, the health condition of the member, and the family status of the member relative to the out-of-pocket information.

2005 Acts, ch 167, §8, 66; 2005 Acts, ch 175, §117; 2006 Acts, ch 1184, §115, 127; 2007 Acts, ch 218, §104, 112; 2008 Acts, ch 1014, §3; 2010 Acts, ch 1141, §6

Healthy and well kids in Iowa program, see chapter 514I
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